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## LOSS BY FIRE IS ENTIRELY COVERED

### Col. Murphy May Secure the Property—In Any Event It Will Be Rebuilt.

Ten thousand dollars will in all probability cover the loss occasioned by the fire in the Milhiser building, next door to Murphy's Hotel, early Sunday morning, and this loss is covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, but the firemen think it started in the bathroom, in the rear of Grand's barber shop, on the first floor of the building. No one connected with the barber shop can account for the presence of fire in that place, except such as might have been there when the shop was closed the night before, in a smoldering way, to keep the water in the bath-room warm. It may have arisen from the stump of a cigar or cigarette thrown aside by some patron of the shop.

The building itself was completely cleaned out, and it was by fire work on the part of the department that the flames did not spread to the hotel and other buildings.

Incidental to the alarm and while fighting the flames there were several casualties, in which firemen and a policeman figured.

### ACCIDENTS INCIDENTAL TO FIRE.

Driver Lemuel Bullock, of engine No. 7, was thrown from his seat at Fifth and Jackson Streets as his horse was going at a terrific rate of speed. He was badly hurt, his collarbone being broken, his back sprained, and with many other cuts and bruises in various parts of his body. He was carried to his home on Fourth Street, where he is receiving the best of medical attention.

Driver G. W. Bawell, of No. 9's truck, was painfully hurt in stopping his runaway horse. The team became frightened at the puffing of engine No. 7 and ran down to the Capitol Square and in toward the monument. He suffered nothing serious and is able to be out.

Mr. Percy Phillips, of truck No. 1, was knocked into a lot of burning clinders by a big stream of water, but escaped with slight burns and bruises.

The rescue of Mrs. Hector Puryear, who lived on the third floor of the building, was thrilling. She came through smoke and flames to the front window with a bundle of clothing and her pet dog, and was carried down a ladder by Ladderman Milhiser, of truck No. 1, and Captain Terrell. The individual loss to Mr. and Mrs. Puryear was considerable, amounting to several hundred dollars.

### INSURANCE AND LOSS.

The building was insured for \$7,000 and offered a loss of about half that amount. Grand's barber shop was insured for \$2,000, which about covers the loss.

The Regal Shoe Company's loss cannot yet be fully ascertained, but it is believed to have been from \$500 to \$700.

The Tragle Drug Company suffered a loss of about \$1,500, mostly by water, which is covered.

Colonel Murphy, of Murphy's Hotel, will make an effort to secure the property in the Milhiser estate to add to his hotel possessions. In any event, the place will be rebuilt in a short while.

### VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Next Annual Meeting Will Probably Be Held at Hot Springs.

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Press Association met at Murphy's Hotel yesterday. Present: C. B. Thacker, of the Newport News Press; C. D. Dent, of the Salem Register; A. P. Rowe, of the Fredericksburg Free Lance; J. B. Chesterman, of the News Leader, and W. S. Copeland, of the Times-Dispatch, president, and J. S. Hart, of the Farmville Herald, secretary.

The meeting was called specially to fix the time and place for the next annual meeting. No definite conclusion was reached, but if satisfactory arrangements can be made, the meeting will probably be held at Hot Springs on July 28th.

The association has added many new members during the present fiscal year, and nearly every paper in the State is now represented. It is in all respects in a most flourishing condition, and the next meeting promises to be the largest and most interesting ever held.

### BOYCOTTED THE "CO-EDS"

Younger Men at Richmond College Join Anti-Feminine Club.

The "co-eds," as the young ladies who are students at Richmond College are called, seem to be giving the younger students among the boys a great deal of trouble. According to reports from the college, the young men have formed an organization, which is known by the little letters A. F. C., the "Anti-Feminine Club." Should any of the members show any attention to the "co-eds," such as a walk with them, send them flowers, or for assistance from them on their classes, he shall be liable to fine and possibly suspension. The girls are being boycotted.

### Property Transfers.

Richmond: Granite Building Company (J. R. Yarbrough, 22 feet on north side of King Street, 90 feet from Belvidere, \$300).

Frances Horst and Nannie V. Gony to Mary H., wife of William H. Gordon, 21 1/4 feet on north side of Howard Street, 87 1/2 feet east of First, \$1,250.

Planters' National Bank to W. H. Adams, 10 feet on Randolph Street, northeast corner Davis, \$1,000.

Allie Swezey to Grace Williams, household furniture and effects on second floor of No. 128 West Broad Street, receiving lien for \$300, \$500.

G. Weinberg to D. Gellman, stock of goods and show case at No. 103 Eighteenth Street, \$75.

Bel J. Woodward's trustee to J. B. Barker, 112 feet on north side of Howard Street, 87 1/2 feet east of First, \$1,250.

Subject to deed of trust for \$1,153, \$1,600.

Honorable: Myrtle and George W. Anderson, Jr. to W. T. Cullingsworth, 23 1/2 feet on west side of Twelfth Street, 61 1/2 feet north of S. 422.

G. Clinton Cochran to J. Henry C. Schroeder, 44 acres at Leno, \$5,000.

Mina, Dietrich to Mary E. Kelley,

## HARD WORK IN SENATE

### Body Tackles the Corporation Measure.

### GOES BY TILL THURSDAY

Revenue Bill Comes Up To-Day and a Great Fight Is Expected—House Holds Short Sessions and Passes Local Bills.

The Legislature opened up the week by putting in a hard day's work. The Senate session lasted for several hours, and was devoted exclusively to a further discussion of the corporation measure. It finally went over, after several amendments had been offered, and was made a special and continuing order for 10:15 o'clock on Thursday. The general revenue bill will come up next, and there is a disposition to hold three sessions a day until it is disposed of, as Senator Wickham desires to get rid of it by April 1st.

There was quite a fight by several Senators to get the corporation bill re-committed, but it failed and will be disposed of this week.

The House met at noon, and its session was very brief. The resignation of Hon. R. G. Southall as a member of the House from Amelia and Nottingham was received and accepted. The bill offered by Mr. Churchman to impose a license tax of \$50 upon pilots was reported from the Finance Committee, and that offered by Mr. Toney to require steam railway companies to vestibule their cars from November to May was given its second reading. Several local bills were offered and the House decided to meet at noon during the remainder of the week.

The Senate.

The Senate spent the entire day in the further consideration of the bill providing for the carrying into effect of the provision of the new Constitution with reference to the Corporation Commission. The body met at 10 o'clock, in order to give full time for discussing this important measure. The question of the merger of railroad lines in the State was the principal one up, and there were several amendments offered, but none were acted upon.

Mr. Hunter Ware has returned from Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. L. H. Jeter, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Hoover, of Alexandria, La., has returned home.

Mr. Turner, of Albemarle county, is visiting friends in Brookland Park.

Miss Grace King is quite sick at her home on Bright Street.

Miss Elizabeth Christian, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

The C. M. A. Club will meet Wednesday at 4 P. M. at the residence of Mr. Overton Woodward.

Mrs. H. O. Wright, who has been very sick at her home in Brookland, is able to be out.

Miss Inez Goodwin, of Hinton, W. Va., is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. P. Scott.

Miss Mary Smith, of Brookland Park, is quite sick.

Miss Hunter, of Portsmouth, is visiting near the Seminary.

Mrs. Newman, who has been quite sick, is able to be out.

Miss Lona Kelly, of Brook Road, is visiting in Newport News.

Archer Trent is quite sick at his home near Highland Park.

Mr. J. E. McMurrin, who has been visiting Mrs. Kellogg near the Seminary, has returned to Newport News.

Mr. Higgins is quite sick at her home in Brookland Park.

Miss Mollie Duval, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Grace Duval, of Chesterfield, who has been quite sick, has returned home.

Mr. W. H. Bennett, who has been visiting his wife, of Brookland Park, has left for Kentucky.

Mrs. Robert Scott, of Miller Avenue, left Sunday to visit relatives in Goochland county.

Mr. D. L. Graham, of North Avenue, left Sunday for New York on business.

At a recent meeting of the Barton Heights Town Council a representative of the improved hand grenade powder fire extinguisher fully explained the perfect working of the machine and they became satisfied with the theory advanced, and purchased a number of the extinguishers.

Sergeant to distribute them to the following houses, where, in event of a fire, any resident in the neighborhood would have a right to have use of them. They are: A. B. Carter, 100 Barton Avenue; Mr. Harlan, No. 202 Barton Avenue; P. O. Robinson, No. 25 Barton Avenue; T. W. Gardner, Lamb Avenue and Kersten Street, and the drug store near North Avenue and Roberts Street.

It would be well for the residents of the Heights to obtain a copy of these locations and put them in the proper place, so as to be able to locate the nearest possible house containing the extinguisher.

### Better Show

For Her Children Than She Had.

They will do it because they don't think carefully, but parents who give coffee to children reap their own punishment in the puny, sickly looking little ones.

Many and many a child has been started on the road to disease that ended in death by being improperly fed and given coffee, which is a rank poison to them. A highly organized human being, a lady of Atlanta, Ga., says: "My mother was a slave to the whims of her children and let us eat and drink anything we called for, particularly she gave us coffee and lots of it."

"I quit it," she said, "because I began having serious spells with my heart, and my condition became so bad my friends decided I could not live long. At a consultation of physicians one of the doctors proposed that I discontinue coffee. This was years ago, before Postum was discovered. I quit the coffee, and in a year or two my heart was perfectly well."

"Several years later when I had a home of my own I imagined that the stimulant of coffee might benefit me, so I started in on it, and in a few days the old symptoms of heart trouble returned. I quit it and took up Postum Food Coffee for my morning beverage, and my heart trouble disappeared. I find Postum aids my digestion, and has helped to build up my whole system."

"I now use it three times a day and give it to my children with the knowledge that it is a powerful, delicious food food instead of a pernicious poison." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

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### Teacher—Your answer is wrong. George Smith will answer the question.

Where is he?

upon, and the bill went over until Thursday morning at 10:15 o'clock.

THE MERGER CLAUSE.

The chief contention around that provision of Chapter II which permits railroads to consolidate or merge under the general laws of Virginia. The article under discussion is found in section 2 of Chapter II, paragraph (c). The provision is as follows:

"The corporation shall have the power to consolidate or merge its works, property and franchises with that of any other railroad company incorporated in or out of this State, or in this State and another State, as provided in Chapter V of this act, and to purchase or lease the works, property and franchise, or any part thereof, of any other such corporation, and to sell or lease its works, property and franchise, or any part thereof, to any other such corporation chartered and organized under the laws of this State."

This sweeping power is modified, however, by the provisions in Chapter V, which appear in section 49 of that chapter. The section provides that "any corporation organized or to be organized under any law or laws of this State may merge or consolidate into a single corporation with any other corporation organized for the purpose of carrying the same or a similar business under the laws of this or any other of the United States, which said consolidated corporation shall thereby become a corporation of this State and subject to its laws and Chapter V goes on to provide how such merger shall be made.

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### THE ELECTION OF DR. LE CATO'S SUCCESSOR.

Judge William Hodges Mann, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, at the request of the Lieutenant-Governor, has prepared a report. In which he states that the successor of the late Senator LeCato should be chosen from Accomac and Northampton counties, which constitute the district for Dr. LeCato's expired term. Under the recommendation of April 2, 1902, Princess Anne county was added to the thirty-seventh Senatorial district. In Judge Mann's opinion the Princess Anne people have not the right to vote for a successor to Dr. LeCato for the unexpired term.

The writ for an election for a successor to Dr. LeCato will be issued for May 2.

but this proposition met with little or no favor.

"Do you propose to do evil and correct it later on?" asked a Senator. "Not a bit," said Mr. Mann. "I can see no harm that would come by pursuing this course."

Mr. Whitehead declared that he thought the merger clause in this act contrary to the Federal Statute. He warned the Senate of the importance of this act, and told the members of the body that certain features of the measure were going to be made very important issues in the next presidential campaign. Viewing the matter from every standpoint, he was convinced that the public interests could be better subserved by proceeding slowly than by hurrying through the passage of an act that might work ruinous results to the people of the State by permitting railroad companies and other corporations to consolidate upon the very slightest provocation.

Mr. Whitehead contended that this act went much further than the provision of the New Jersey act in chartering the notorious Northern Securities Company.

NO CHANGE OF POLICY.

Mr. Whitehead contended that this act Mr. Whitehead and others were fighting against a principle established in this State ten years ago for every railroad charter passed during that time allowed this very thing condemned now to be done.

Mr. Whitehead offered an amendment to prevent such mergers as he opposed. He would accomplish this by adding after line 64 on page 21 these words:

"To purchase or lease the works, property and franchises of any part thereof of any railroad company incorporated under the laws of this State, or another State, or in this State and another State and to sell or lease its works, property and franchises or any part thereof to any other such corporation chartered and organized under the laws of this State."

"Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall apply to parallel or competing lines of railroad corporations, and provided, further, that nothing in this act shall affect or be construed to invalidate any of the provisions of any charter now in force which has been heretofore granted to any railroad corporation by an act of the General Assembly of this State."

Mr. Keozell withdrew his motion to re-commit the bill and fixed the special order for Thursday at 10:15 o'clock.

MR. COGBILL'S AMENDMENT.

The following is Mr. Cogbill's amendment to prevent a company operated by one motive power from acquiring the properties of another motive power, operated by another motive power:

"Provided, however, that in no event shall a railroad company have authority to consolidate or merge with or purchase or lease the works, property or franchises of any part thereof, of any parallel or competing line or line between the same terminal points."

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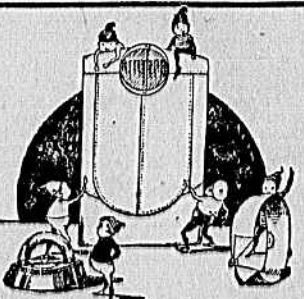
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### ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1907, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Name of the company in full—THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA; Location of home or principal office of said company—701 TO 709 BROAD STREET, NEWARK, N. J.; Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE; President, JOHN F. DRYDEN; Secretary, EDWARD GRAY; Organized and incorporated, 1875; Commenced business, 1876; Name of the general agent in Virginia, BLACKFORD & WILMER; Residence, 1000 BROAD ST., NEWARK, N. J.

Amount of capital stock.....	No.	\$2,000,000 00	Amount.
Number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year paid for only.....	4,400,082	\$803,896,040 00	
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby paid for only.....	1,510,410	\$272,237,102 00	
Total paid for only.....	5,977,302	\$900,073,234 00	
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year paid for only.....	1,070,201	\$164,045,306 00	
Whole number of policies in force and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year paid for only.....	4,907,101	\$502,027,839 00	
The Industrial Health Insurance and weekly annuities in force were....	127	\$ 614 00	

RECEIPTS.		
Amount of premiums received.....	\$31,020,240 05	
Amount of annuities received.....	20,408 43	
Amount of interest received on real estate.....	1,048,294 82	
Amount of rents received.....	644,148 83	
Consideration for supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies, etc.....	68,275 00	
Premium notes, loans or liens restored by revival of policies.....	11,830 43	
Profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets.....	121,184 83	
Amount paid for expenses (including taxes, \$30,755 55).....	\$ 0 00	
Conduct fund.....		
Total.....	\$33,852,319 88	

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Amount of losses paid.....	\$8,000,710 17	
Amount of matured endowments paid.....	20,080 00	
Amount paid annuities.....	20,408 43	
Amount paid for direct mortgage on real estate.....	1,048,294 82	
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders.....	615,993 82	
Amount of dividends paid to stockholders.....	4,780,780 00	
Amount paid for expenses (including taxes, \$30,755 55).....	10,125,078 29	
Amount of all other disbursements, viz: Losses on sale or maturity of ledger assets.....	44,858 40	
Total.....	\$22,881,594 20	

ASSETS.		
Bonds, market value.....	\$20,247,844 45	
Stocks, market value.....	4,200,400 00	
Real estate, unencumbered, \$300,222 17; unencumbered, \$1,563,000 34.....	11,863,588 51	
Market value.....	10,800,083 27	
Loans secured by first mortgage on real estate.....	4,010,068 51	
Cash in bank, trust companies and companies' offices.....	722,625 70	
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral.....	170,801 63	
Premium notes, etc.....	4,780,780 00	
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds.....	118,032 18	
Interest due and accrued.....	82,960 10	
Uncollected and deferred premiums.....	1,812,705 00	
Carried out at market value—Total.....	\$60,245,330 87	

LIABILITIES.		
Amount of losses unpaid (unadjusted, \$225,285 21; retained, \$20,601 04).....	\$25,884 28	
Amount due for installments.....	88,688 41	
Amount of liability including \$3,210,000 special reserve on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1907, on basis of 4 1/2 per cent. American experience mortality table policies issued prior to January 1, 1904, and the American experience table of mortality December 31, 1900.....	45,287,064 00	
Premiums paid in advance.....	\$100,000 00	
Loans due, loans, accounts, etc., due.....	118,032 18	
Appointed and unpaid dividends to policyholders.....	251,441 03	
Unearned interest on policy loans.....	27,078 10	
Total.....	\$78,631 85	
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### BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1902.

(Paid For Business Only.)		
Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1901.....	188	\$528,112 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1902.....	107	\$100,455 00
Total.....	295	\$628,567 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1902.....	27	\$75,090 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1902.....	268	\$553,477 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies unpaid December 31, 1901.....	No.	Amount.
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year 1902.....	2	\$ 4,063 02
Total.....	2	\$ 4,063 02
Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year 1902.....	2	\$ 4,063 02
Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year 1902 in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions or other expenses.....		\$37,203 00

(Signed.) EDGAR W. WOOD, Sec. Vice-President, EDWARD GRAY, Secretary.

State of New Jersey: City of Newark—Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 20, 1908, before GEO. W. KIRKPATRICK, Notary Public.

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